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1870 Officers, Trustees, and Executive Committee elected, January 31.

First President, John Taylor Johnston.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, incorporated by the State of New York, April 13, "for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a museum and library of art, of encouraging and developing the study of the fine arts, and the application of arts to manufacture and practical life, of advancing the knowledge of kindred subjects, and to that end, of furnishing popular instruction and recreation."

Permanent Constitution adopted at first annual meeting, May 24.

Resolution adopted to raise \$250,000 by public subscription to establish Museum.

First gift, Roman sarcophagus from Tarsus, from Abdo Debbas.

1871 First purchase through William T. Blodgett and John Taylor Johnston, 174 paintings of various schools.

Only \$106,000 reported to be subscribed out of the total of \$250,000 desired, March 3.

Act authorizing erection and maintenance "upon that portion of Central Park formerly known as Manhattan Square, or any other park, square or place" of a suitable building for the Museum.

First annual report issued.

Sums pledged, with amounts subscribed, exceeded required \$250,000, May 3.

First temporary quarters leased, Dodworth Building, 681 Fifth Avenue, annual rental \$9,000.

1872 First exhibition, consisting of the Museum's collection of paintings and other objects of art lent for the occasion, opened February 20.

"We have now something to point to as the Museum, something tangible and something good."

John Taylor Johnston.

Students given copyists' privilege.

First lectures given: Hiram Hitchcock on General di Cesnola's discoveries in Cyprus, Russell Sturgis, Jr., on Ceramic Art.

Permanent location of museum building, Seventyninth Street to Eighty-fourth Street, Central Park, ratified by Trustees on the site designated for such a purpose on plan of Central Park, in Report of Park Commissioners, 1869.

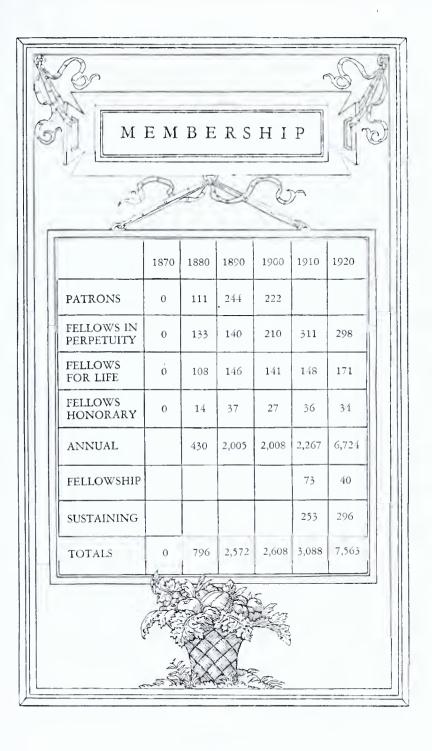
1873 Second temporary quarters leased, the Douglas Mansion, 128 West Fourteenth Street, annual rental, \$8,000.

Cesnola Collection of Cypriote antiquities exhibited.

Original fund of \$250,000 raised by subscription exhausted.

Act enabling Park Department to apply annually to maintenance of Museum a sum not exceeding \$15,000.

Admission fee charged, except on Monday. First catalogue of a loan exhibition of paintings.



- 1874 Cesnola collection of Cypriote antiquities bought. First Secretary, William J. Hoppin, elected.
- 1875 Free days, Monday and Thursday, established.

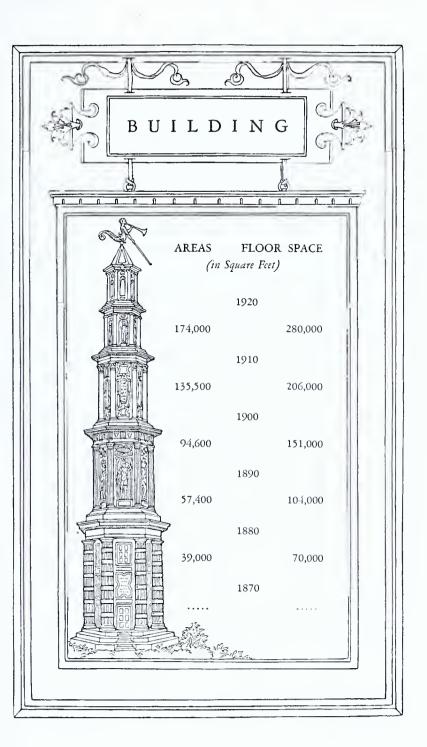
 (Average attendance 577.)

 First guide to collections issued.

 Privileges to students granted.
- 1876 Annual membership class formed. 600 enrolled. Centennial loan exhibition, in coöperation with National Academy of Design.
- 1877 Second Secretary, General L. P. di Cesnola, elected.
- 1878 Act enabling City to appropriate \$30,000 for moving collections and fitting up building in Central Park.
 Relations between City and Museum established by lease.
- 1879 Last reception in Douglas Mansion.

 First Director, General L. P. di Cesnola, elected.

 Removal to Central Park.
- 1880 First Museum Building in Park opened, Calvert
 Vaux and J. W. Mould, Architects.
 Industrial Art School established through gift of
 Gideon F. T. Reed.
 Library organized. \$500 appropriated.
- 1881 First bequest, Stephen Whitney Phoenix collection of objects of art.
- 1883 First bequest of money, about \$100,000, Levi Hale Willard, for purchase of architectural casts.

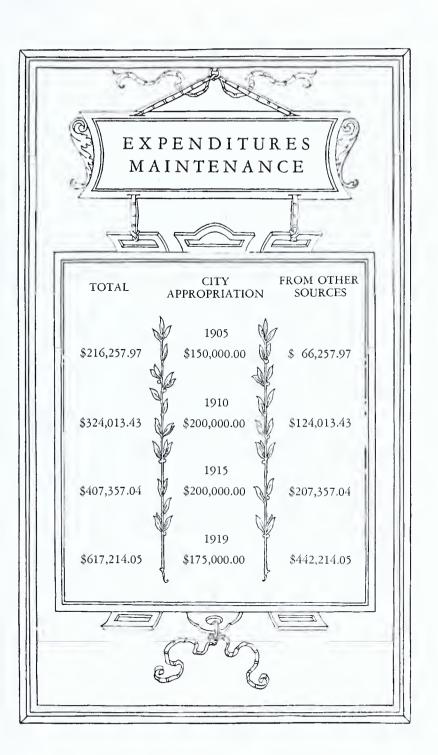


- 1884 Loan exhibition, paintings by George Frederick Watts.
- 1886 Department of Paintings organized.

 Department of Sculpture organized.

 William H. Vanderbilt bequest, nucleus of General Endowment Fund.

 First purchase of Egyptian art.
- 1887 Catharine Lorillard Wolfe bequest, modern paintings and fund for maintenance.
- 1888 First addition to building (Addition B), Theodore Weston, Architect.Henry G. Marquand gives paintings by Old Masters.
- Mrs. John Crosby Brown gives collection of musical instruments.
 John Taylor Johnston elected Honorary President.
 Second President, Henry G. Marquand, elected.
 Department of Casts created.
- 1890 John Jacob Astor bequest.
- Appointment of Special Committee to form collection of casts of sculpture, on initiative of Robert W. de Forest. Over \$78,000 obtained. Increased later by George W. Cullum bequest and John Taylor Johnston memorial fund. Edward C. Moore bequest of objects of art.



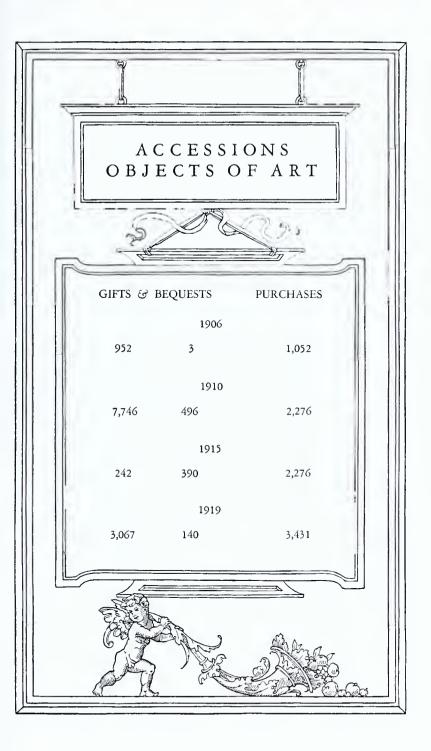
- 1892 Act authorizing yearly appropriation by City; \$70,000 received. Mrs. Amelia B. Lazarus gives Jacob H. Lazarus Traveling Scholarship.
- 1893 Mrs. Elizabeth U. Coles bequest, tapestries and other objects of art, and fund.

 Restaurant opened.
- 1894 Second addition to building (Addition C), Arthur L. Tuckerman, Architect.
- 1895 Loan exhibition of early American paintings.
- 1901 Jacob S. Rogers bequest, for the purchase of objects of art and books, over \$5,000,000.
- 1902 Third addition to building (Addition D), main Fifth Avenue entrance, Richard Morris Hunt, Architect.
 - George W. Vanderbilt lends collection of paintings.
 - Second President, Henry G. Marquand, died.
 - Third President, Frederick W. Rhinelander, elected.
 - Heber R. Bishop gives collection of jade.
- 1903 Boscoreale frescoes and Etruscan bronze biga, 6th century B.C., bought.
- 1904 Death of General L. P. di Cesnola.

 Third President, Frederick W. Rhinelander, died.

 Fourth President, J. Pierpont Morgan, elected.

 Third Secretary, Robert W. de Forest, elected.



- 1905 Second Director, Sir C. Purdon Clarke, elected. Edward Robinson elected Assistant Director. Membership classes, Sustaining and Fellowship, established.
 - Departments re-organized, Department of Classical Antiquities organized.
 - Educational work organized; cooperation with Public Schools initiated.
 - Publication of Bulletin begun.
- 1906 Accessions Room opened.

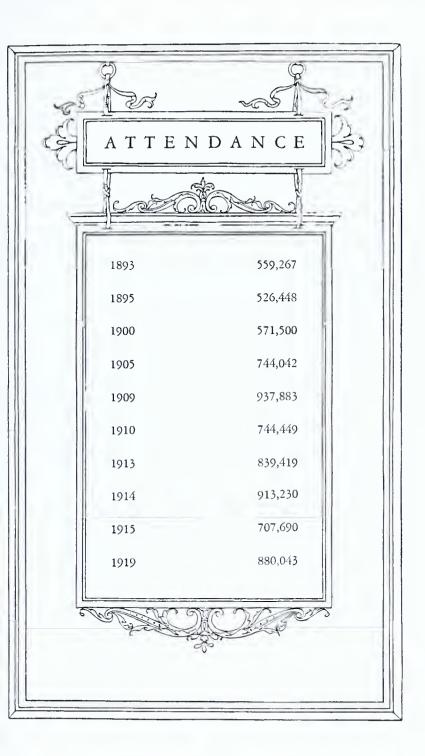
 Photograph Department established.

 Information Desk established.

 Department of Egyptian Art organized.

 Egyptian Expedition for excavation organized.

 George A. Hearn gives English and American paintings and fund for purchase of paintings by living American artists.
- 1907 Department of Decorative Arts organized.
 Class Room opened.
 Lantern slide lending collection begun.
 Fourth addition to building (Addition E), McKim, Mead & White, Architects.
- 1908 First Museum Instructor appointed. Frederick C. Hewitt bequest, over \$1,500,000.
- 1909 Loan exhibition, Hudson-Fulton celebration. First Study Room, of Textiles, opened.
- 1910 Fifth addition to building (Addition F), Wing of Decorative Arts, McKim, Mead & White Architects.



J. Pierpont Morgan gives part and lends part of Hoentschel Collection.

Mrs. Russell Sage gives Bolles Collection of American furniture.

Sixth addition to building, The Library, McKim, Mead & White, Architects.

Sir C. Purdon Clarke, Director, resigns.

Third Director, Edward Robinson, elected.

George A. Hearn gives another collection of English and American paintings.

John Stewart Kennedy bequest, over \$2,600,000.

- 1911 Lecture Hall opened.
- 1912 Francis L. Leland gift, over \$1,000,000.

 Seventh addition to the building (Addition H),

 McKim, Mead & White, Architects.

 Joseph Pulitzer bequest, over \$900,000.

 Department of Arms and Armor organized.
- 1913 Death of J. Pierpont Morgan.

 Fifth President, Robert W. de Forest, elected.

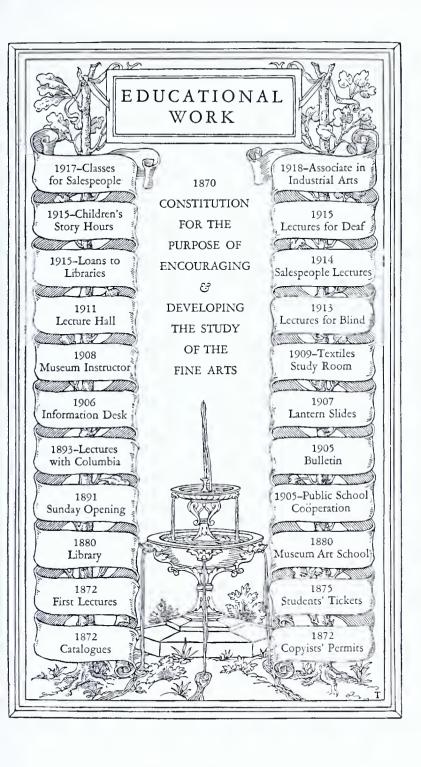
 Fourth Secretary, Henry W. Kent, elected.

 Benjamin Altman bequest, paintings, sculpture,

 Chinese porcelains, etc., and fund.

 William Henry Riggs gives collection of arms

 and armor.
 - History of the Museum published.
- 1914 Loan exhibition, the J. Pierpont Morgan Collection.Mrs. Edward J. Tytus gives fund for publication of Museum Egyptian Expedition work.



- John L. Cadwalader bequest, English furniture, porcelains, and fund.
- 1915 Mrs. Morris K. Jesup bequest, paintings and funds. Mrs. Robert W. Gillespie bequest of tapestries.
- 1916 Edward S. Harkness gives Tomb of Perneb.
 J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., gives Colonna Raphael
 and sculpture from the Château de Biron.
- 1917 Department of Prints organized.

 Harris B. Dick bequest, collections and fund,

over \$1,000,000.

First manufacturers' exhibition.

Isaac D. Fletcher bequest, collection of paintings and objects of art, and fund, over \$3,400,000.

Eighth addition to building (Addition J occupied, Addition K not yet completed), McKim, Mead & White, Architects.

- J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., gives collection of objects of art.
- 1918 J. Pierpont Morgan Collection of objects of art installed in Wing of Decorative Arts, hereafter to be called the Pierpont Morgan Wing.

 John Hoge bequest, over \$1,000,000.

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Loan exhibition, contemporary American sculpture.

Free concerts inaugurated.

Associate in Industrial Arts appointed.

1919 Coöperative Exhibition of Plant Forms in Ornament by Museum and New York Botanical Garden.

Tablet commemorative of men who served in the war unveiled.

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